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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BH

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ADDERLEY'S LETTER ON MILITARY
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REF: (A) NASSAU 0469 (B) NASSAU 0484 (C) NASSAU 0564

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S. THE LETTER IS DESIGNED TO ANSWER ADDERLEY'S CONCERNS
(REFS A AND C) WHILE KEEPING MOMENTUM GAINED IN THE MARCH
6-7 TECHNICAL NEGOTIATING SESSION. DEPT. FEELS THAT DEPT.
RATHER THAN THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD RESPOND TO ADDERLEY'S
LETTER TO REINFORCE AUTHORITY OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM AND
TO PRESERVE AMBASSADOR'S ROLE AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

2. "DEAR MR. MINISTER: THIS LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER TO AMBASSADOR SCHWARTZ DATED MARCH 6 (EXT.C.131) ON THE MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS. MY DEPUTY, MS. SALLY SHELTON, AND MR. JAMES PARKER HAVE REPORTED TO ME ON THE DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT MARCH 6 AND 7 AND HAVE INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A CONSIDERATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S WRITTEN PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO THE U.S. DRAFTS OF NOVEMBER 1973; A FORMAL COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE BY YOUR GOVERNMENT TO OUR 1975 PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN OUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 24, 1975 THROUGH AMBASSADOR WEISS; AND A REVIEW OF THE QUESTION OF OPERATING RIGHTS. THE MEMORANDUM OF LAW ON CIVIL LIABILITY WHICH YOUR NEGOTIATING TEAM REQUESTED IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SENT TO YOU THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN NASSAU.

I AM PLEASED THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS IN A CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE. I LOOK FORWARD TO STEADY PROGRESS OVER THE COMING MONTHS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES EXPRESSED BY BOTH PRIME MINISTER PINDLING AND PRESIDENT CARTER DURING THEIR MEETING LAST SEPTEMBER.

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AS I INDICATED DURING MY VISIT TO NASSAU LAST DECEMBER, MY GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING AN AGREEMENT FOR 15 YEARS FROM THE DATE AN AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. THIS IS THE MINIMUM PERIOD THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEEDS TO JUSTIFY THE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES NECESSARY TO BRING THEM UP TO CURRENT TECHNOLOGY. AS I ALSO INDICATED AT THAT TIME, MY GOVERNMENT LACKS LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS FOR WHICH THERE HAS BEEN NO PRIOR OBLIGATION. SUCH AN OBLIGATION WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL OUR GOVERNMENTS HAD ENTERED INTO A FORMAL AGREEMENT CALLING FOR COMPENSATION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE TEXT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 1973 DRAFT AGREEMENTS AND TO FURTHER NEGOTIATING SESSIONS AT YOUR GOVERNMENT'S CONVENIENCE. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST THE NEXT SESSION IN WASHINGTON AS EARLY AS MID-APRIL BUT ARE PREPARED TO MEET AT ANY TIME AND PLACE CONVENIENT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, I REMAIN

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TERENCE A. TODMAN
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